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TO AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

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SUBJECT: MASIRAH

REFERENCE: A) MUSCAT 1019; B) USDAO LONDON 191721Z
OF AUGUST 1976

1. AFTER INVESTIGATION WE CONCLUDE THAT THE SNAFU DESCRIBED REFTEL CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE BIRTH PANGS OF THE NEW P-3 PROGRAM IN MASIRAH. APPARENTLY OPERATIONAL LEVEL WITHIN CINCPAC DID NOT UNDERSTAND USDAO LONDON'S MESSAGE OF AUGUST 5 TRANSMITTING BLANKET DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FOR FLIGHTS, AND USDAO HERE DID NOT KNOW UNTIL AFTER THE EVENT THAT THE AUGUST 9-11 FLIGHT HAD BEEN CANCELLED FOR LACK OF APPROPRIATE CLEARANCE. USDAO LONDON HAS NOW RECONFIRMED PROCEDURES BY REFTEL B (MUSCAT IS INFO ADDRESSEE) AND WE BELIEVE EVERYONE IS ON BOARD.

2. TO ANSWER SPECIFIC QUESTIONS IN REFTEL A. PARA 5: A) CINCPAC OPERATIONAL ELEMENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR P-3 FLIGHTS INTO MASIRAH (E.G.. CTG SEVEN TWO PT. THREE) ARE AUTHORIZED TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH RAF MASIRAH VIA COMMON MILITARY NET. B) CTG OR CINCPAC WILL INCLUDE EMBASSY MUSCAT AS INFO ADDRESSEE ONCE A SINGLE FLIGHT OR SERIES OF FLIGHTS HAS BEEN SCHEDULED.

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